

Commissioning of USS Virginia (SSN 774)



Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr
Supreme Allied Commander
Transformation (SACT)
Commander, U.S. Joint Forces
Command (USJFCOM)

Admiral Giambastiani serves as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) and the Commander of the United States Joint Forces Command (CDRUSJFCOM). Both headquarters are located in Norfolk, Virginia. As one of two NATO strategic commanders, Adm. Giambastiani leads the transformation of NATO military structures, forces, capabilities and doctrines to improve the military effectiveness of the Alliance. As CDRUSJFCOM, Admiral Giambastiani is responsible for maximizing future and present military capabilities of the United States by leading the transformation of joint forces through enhanced joint concept development and experimentation, identifying joint requirements, advancing interoperability, conducting joint training and providing ready U.S. forces and capabilities – all in support of U.S. combatant commanders around the world.

Admiral Giambastiani's assignments have included several in which he was responsible for development of new technologies and experimental processes, as well as four previous tours in command. He commanded Submarine NR-1, the Navy's only nuclear powered deep diving ocean engineering and research submarine. He also led Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, an attack submarine squadron that serves as the Navy's Warfare Center of Excellence for submarine doctrine and tactics. Established in 1949, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve is the oldest experimental unit of its kind in the U.S. military. The admiral also served as the first director of strategy and concepts at the Naval Doctrine Command.

In addition, Admiral Giambastiani commanded the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Richard B. Russell (SSN 687). He also served as

the commander of Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force, commander of NATO's Submarines Allied Command Atlantic and commander Anti-Submarine and Reconnaissance Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. Admiral Giambastiani's other shore and staff assignments include duties as an enlisted program manager on the staff of the Navy Recruiting Command Headquarters, Washington, DC, in the early days of the all volunteer force; special assistant to the deputy director for intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency; and, a one-year fellowship with the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group. As a flag officer, he served as the deputy chief of staff for resources, warfare requirements and assessments for the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet; director of the Submarine Warfare Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; and finally as the deputy chief of naval operations for resources, requirements, and assessments (OPNAV N8). Prior to his current assignment, he served as senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

A native of Canastota, New York, Admiral Giambastiani graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with leadership distinction in 1970. His decorations include the Defense and the Navy Distinguished Service Medals.